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FOLLOWING IS COPY OF LETTER WHICH FONMIN PARK TONG-JIN
HAS SENT TO CHARG'E AUGUST 20: BEGIN QUOTE.

1. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE VIOLENT INHUMAN ACT
PERPETRATED BY NORTH KOREAN GUARDS AT PANMUNJOM ON 18
AUGUST, BRUTALLY MURDERING TWO UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND.

2. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE UGLY SCHEME OF THE NORTH KOREAN
COMMUNISTS WILL ONLY IMPRESS THE WORLD ON THEIR NAKED
BELLIGERENCE AGAINST PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE
UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IT IS NO ACCIDENT
THAT THE RECENT FLAGRANT ACT OF NORTH KOREA IS NOW EXPOSED
TO THE EVER INCREASING INDIGNATION AND DENUNCIATION BY THE
FREE WORLD.

3. YESTERDAY, I WAS SO SHOCKED AT THE TRAGIC MURDER OF
THE TWO OFFICERS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER THAT
I WROTE A LETTER TO GENERAL STILWELL, A COPY OF WHICH IS
ENCLOSED HERewith.

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4. ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, I WISH TO EXTEND

ONCE AGAIN MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES
OF THE TWO UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICERS WHO HAVE GREATLY
CONTRIBUTED TO MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN
PENINSULA. SINCERELY YOURS, PARK TONG-JIN. END QUOTE.
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